

# Bugei Jūhappan – The 18 Martial Arts (武芸十八般)

Since weapons and tactics changed throughout the different periods of Japan, including a long period of peace, the bugei jūhappan (a catalog of 18 martial skills of the Japanese warrior) had many forms. This catalog of techniques varies from one person to another, so not one list is absolute. Not to mention, some [ryūha](#) (schools) also varied from other ryūha or by [han](#) (feudal domain). The first one listed below is one that was used during the [Edo period](#).

1. [Kyūjutsu](#) (弓術 archery techniques)
2. [Bajutsu / Kibajutsu](#) (馬術 / 騎馬術 horsemanship techniques)
3. [Dakyū](#) (打毬 horsemanship game - very similar to polo)
4. [Kishajutsu](#) (騎射術 archery from horseback)
5. [Suiba](#) (水馬 water horsemanship)
6. [Suiei](#) (水泳術 swimming)
7. [Sōjutsu](#) (槍術 spear techniques)
8. [Kusarigamajutsu](#) (鎖鎌術 sickle and chain techniques)
9. [Naginatajutsu](#) (長刀術 or 薙刀術 glaive techniques)
10. [Kenjutsu](#) (劍術 sword techniques)
11. [Jūjutsu](#) (柔術 unarmed techniques)
12. [Iaijutsu](#) (居合術 sword drawing techniques)
13. [Hojōjutsu](#) (捕縄術 rope tying techniques)
14. [Hananeji](#) (鼻捻 horse nose twister made out of an iron rod)
15. [Yoroigumi](#) (鎧組 fighting in armor)
16. [Shurikenjutsu](#) (手裏劍術 hand blade throwing techniques)
17. [Ishibiya](#) (石火矢 cannon)
18. [Teppō](#) (鉄砲 gun)

According to Tanemura-sensei, a more realistic list would be:

1. [Jūjutsu / Kenpō](#) (柔術 / 拳法 unarmed techniques)
2. [Kenjutsu](#) (劍術 sword techniques)
3. [Iaijutsu / Battōjutsu](#) (居合術 / 拔刀術 sword drawing techniques)
4. [Kusari Fundōjutsu](#) (鎖分銅術 weighted chain techniques)
5. [Kusarigamajutsu](#) (鎖鎌術 sickle and chain techniques)
6. [Bōjutsu](#) (棒術 staff techniques)
7. [Sōjutsu](#) (槍術 spear techniques)
8. [Naginatajutsu](#) (長刀術 or 薙刀術 glaive techniques)
9. [Suiren](#) (水練 water training)
10. [Bajutsu](#) (馬術 horsemanship techniques)
11. [Kishajutsu](#) (騎射術 archery from horseback)
12. [Jōjutsu](#) (杖術 cane techniques)
13. [Kyūjutsu](#) (弓術 archery techniques)
14. [Yoroi Kumiuchi](#) (鎧組み打 fighting in armor)
15. [Hojōjutsu](#) (捕縄術 rope tying techniques)
16. [Jūttejutsu](#) (十手術 iron truncheon techniques)
17. [Hōjutsu](#) (砲術 gunnery techniques)
18. [Shurikenjutsu](#) (手裏劍術 hand blade throwing techniques)